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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed July 12, 2005 which imposed a Election of Species in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant makes the following election and requests that examination of the elected claims on their merits be promptly conducted in light of the following remarks.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Office alleges that the present application contains claims drawn to six independent and patentably distinct species of the invention.

The alleged species are defined with reference to the Figures as follows:

- Species 1: Figures 2-4 and 10;
- Species 2: Figure 5;
- Species 3: Figures 6 and 11;
- Species 4: Figures 7 and 14;
- Species 5: Figures 8 and 12; and
- Species 6: Figures 9 and 13.

In response, Applicant elects Species 1.

The claims are grouped as follows with respect to the species.

Generic to Species 1-4: Claims 1, 2, 34-36, 40-42 and 47.

- Species 1: Claims 3, 6-14 and 43.
- Species 2: Claims 4, 5 and 15-17.
- Species 3: Claims 18-22, 37 and 44.
- Species 4: Claims 30-33.
- Species 5: Claims 23-25, 38 and 45.
- Species 6: Claims 26-29, 39 and 46.

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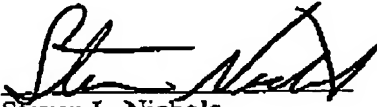
Consequent to Applicant's election, generic claims 1, 2, 34-36, 40-42 and 47 and the claims of Species 1, claims 3, 6-14 and 43, are presented for immediate examination. All other original claims are labeled as "withdrawn" herein. Should any of the generic claims be found allowable, Applicant will be entitled to examination of all claims relating to Species 1-4.

Applicant does not disclaim the subject matter of any withdrawn claim and reserves the right to file any number of continuation or divisional applications to the withdrawn claims or to any other subject matter described in the present application.

An examination of claims 1-3, 6-14, 34-36, 40-43 and 47 on their merits is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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